

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending herein.

I. The amendments may be entered after Final Rejection.

Applicants are respectfully aware of the restrictions on amendments after final rejection. Applicants respectfully note that the claim amendments made herein merely cancel claims 8-12. Therefore, no new search is required and the amendments may be permissibly entered after final rejection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

II. The allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating allowed claims 1-7.

III. The obviousness rejections of claims 8 and 10-11 based on Matsumoto (JP 2001-189191) in view of Beteille (US 7,033,655), as noted on page 2 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully note that claims 8 and 10-11 have been cancelled.

IV. The obviousness rejection of claim 9 based on Matsumoto in view of Beteille and Hsiao (US 2004/0241920), as noted on page 4 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully note that claim 9 has been cancelled.

V. The obviousness rejection of claim 12 based on Matsumoto in view of Beteille, Hsiao, and Sun (US 2004/0160184), as noted on page 4 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully note that claim 12 has been cancelled.

VI. Conclusion.

Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Please contact the undersigned for any reason. Applicants seek to cooperate with the Examiner including via telephone if convenient for the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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